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SUBJECT: DISARMAMENT MACHINERY: POSSIBLE CHANGES TO CCD

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1. AS REQUESTED REF A, MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM
ALLIES AT APRIL 11 POLADS THAT US HAS HAD CONSULTATIONS
WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE CCD AND POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS
TO UN-RELATED DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. MISSION SHOULD
EXPLAIN OUR OBJECTIVES (PARA 2, REF B) AND INDICATE
THAT WE HAVE ASKED SOVIETS FOR THEIR REACTIONS TO SOME
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ALTERNATIVES TO PRESENT CCD ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS
MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, SMALL EXPANSION
OF MEMBERSHIP, ADMISSION OF NON-MEMBER STATES TO PLENARY
SESSIONS, PARTICIPATION BY NON-MEMBER STATES IN AD HOC
WORKING GROUPS WHEN THE COMMITTEE AGREES THEY HAVE A
CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE. MISSION MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT
WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS AT MAY 2-3 DISARMAMENT

EXPERTS MEETING.

2. MISSION SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT US OBJECTIVES AND ILLUSTRATIVE CHANGES IN CCD ORGANIZATION MENTIONED REFTEL B ARE STILL VERY GENERAL IN NATURE AND DO NOT REPRESENT DEFINITIVE US POSITION. WITH REGARD TO ITEM ONE OF THE US OBJECTIVES (PARA 2, REF B) RATHER THAN MENTIONING FRANCE AND PRC SPECIFICALLY, MISSION SHOULD SIMPLY NOTE US INTEREST IN HAVING ALL NUCLEAR WPONS STATES PARTICIPATE IF POSSIBLE IN THE CCD OR ANY SUCCESOR DISARMAMENT ORGANIZATION.

3. IN TOUCHING UPON US VIEWS REGARDING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PRESENT CO-CHAIRMENTSHIP OF THE CCD, MISSION SHOULD STRESS THAT THE US IS FLEXIBLE ON THIS POINT AND IS WILLING TO CONSIDER A FORM OF ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP OR A SINGLE CHAIRMAN TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THE DESIRES OF ITS MEMBERS.

4. IN INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS ON POSSIBLE CCD RE-STRUCTURING (USUN 1266), SOVIETS WERE WILLING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE CHANGES, BUT INDICATED THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THEIR POSITION REMAINED UNCHANGED. VANCE

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